

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

N°. 2941

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1891.

SIX DOLLS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON : Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, FORWARDS BILLS FOR COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS : Fixed for 12 months, 4½ per Cent. per Annum.

6 " 3½ "

3 " 2½ "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
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Head Office :—Hongkong.

Court of Directors.
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON
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Hai Fu Yuen, Esq. Lim Kwan King, Esq.
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THE Head Office now receives Money on deposit and makes advances on Goods in neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

INSURANCES.

THE FUNDS
OF THE

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE
ARE invested entirely within the British
Dominions and are thus free from the
complications which might arise in time of war.
They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,
and have increased 50 per cent. in the last 15
years.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents, Hongkong.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & CO.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [1144]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY IN
LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are pro-
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and
LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1891. [1166]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAPEL 600,000, £833,333-33
EQUAL TO £318,000.00
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SHU, Esq. LO YEN MOON, Esq.
LOU TO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1885. [1178]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c., Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE
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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Hongkong, 17th July, 1891. [1168]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day commenced Business, as
MERCHANT, GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
and AUCTIONEER, under the Style of GORDON
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A. G. GORDON,
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Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
L I M I T E D,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.
NATURAL APERIENT WATERS.

ON THE CHOICE OF A WATER.
EXTRACT from the "London Medical Recorder," May 30th, 1890, by GEO. HERSCHELL, M.D. (Lond.)

In order to attain the highest success in the treatment of a case by a Natural Water, it is far better to study thoroughly one kind, and master its peculiarities, than to experiment with different sorts, each having a different dose, and special attributes of its own.

The advantages of one mineral water over another may be put under the following heads:

1.—Smallness of dose.

2.—Absence of unpleasant effect.

3.—Sulphates of Soda and Magnesia is nearly equal proportions.

4.—Absence of unpleasant taste.

On examining the chief waters on the English market with a view of making a selection, one is struck with the fact that a newly-imported water, the "Franz Josef," contains 190 and 178 grains to the pound of Sulphates of Magnesia and Soda respectively. This is much in excess of the quantities contained by either Hunyadi Janos, Friedrichshall, or Aschaffenburg. It is evidently the strongest water by far, whilst at the same time fortunately happens to be almost tasteless.

Price, cents 50 per bottle; per dozen \$5.50.

We are sole agents in China for the sale of

FRANZ JOSEF WATER.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

**VEGETABLE
AND
FLOWER
SEEDS,**
SEASON 1891-92.

THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF OUR SUPPLY
OF

GARDEN SEEDS

for the season has arrived and we are now prepared to book orders for prompt or forward execution. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the Seeds are Marginally Numbered

in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to only state the numbers of the kinds required.

Orders from one person, of from \$1 to \$10, allowed 25% discount.

Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5% discount.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each....\$1.50.

Eggs.....28lb.....4.00.

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS."

LAW N MOWER S.

The best and cheapest machines in the market; for sale at manufacturers' prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1891.

DEATH.

At Hunt's Wharf, Shanghai, on the 7th inst., JAMES JONATHAN MILLER, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hodgson, aged one year and ten months.

The annual aquatic sports in connection with the V. R. C. will be held to-morrow and on Saturday, commencing each afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The programme has been well worked up and the general arrangements are in the capable and energetic hands of Messrs H. C. Manning and M. A. A. Souza. There is no doubt but that capital sport will be provided and a band will be in attendance. The full programme appears in another column.

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BRITISH EXPORTS.

LONDON, September 8th.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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STRANGERS have recently arrived in Shanghai from the North report that they experienced the force of the late typhoon for a period of from twenty to twenty-four hours.

"WHEN I want a nice, snug day all to myself," said Maria, "I tell George that dear mother is coming and then I see nothing of him till one in the morning. He always goes to the lodges."

Miss Clinton.—Is it not unpleasant to wear the parasol here?

Highland Gillie.—Na, mistress, he dinna ken. Her wear breeks and a filly-heg her mainsail.

A TELEGRAM received in Shanghai from Ichang on the 4th inst., stated that seventy houses, including all the foreign residences and a number of native buildings, were burned by the rioters in the end.

FOR returning from banishment, a coolie named Leung Fun was sentenced to six months' hard labour this morning.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1105, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 5 for 5:30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THERE are seventeen doctors in the Canadian Parliament, and when one falls ill the solicitude of the remaining sixteen is very touching. But it is the only point on which they agree—the sixteen prescriptions are all different.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospital:—

Hon. C. P. Chater.....\$100.

J. S. Van Buren, Esq.10.

Bagger.—So Brooks is engaged! I don't see how any decent person could want such a fellow.

Jagger.—I know of several in high places who did.

Bagger.—Who, for heaven's sake?

Jagger.—The police!

A MINISTER suddenly stopped in his sermon and sang a hymn. "If the members of the choir are to do the talking," he explained, "they certainly will permit me to do the singing." And then in the neighbourhood of the organ became more quiet.

Maudie—Claude, we are discovered, darling!

Claude.—How so, dearest?

Maudie.—This morning when papa gestured toward the chamber-maid, the parrot screamed out, "Do again dear!" in just my tone of voice! ("The bird escaped next day, by accident.)

YET another bather in the throes of trouble. One Yen Yan, who claimed to be a professor of the tonal art, was "up" to-day charged with being the keeper of a common gambling house. Mr. Wise advanced a step upon this occasion and inflicted a fine of \$50 or two months' quod, and there Yen Yan elected to go.

THE "rescue party" has returned safely home again with Major Turner, who we believe, is none the worse for his little experience amongst the heathen Chinee. The only things that were left behind were the pelts in the old lady's carcass, and the one hundred shillings of silver that the villagers levied as compensation.

Broker (to steady individual). Well, Sir, what can I do for you?

Seeds.—I'd like a position in your office.

Broker.—What are your credentials?

Seeds.—I've failed in every other business.

Broker.—Just the man for me; I'll engage you as managing clerk!

We note from our American exchanges that the United States cruisers *Charleston*, at San Francisco and *Marietta* and *Albatross* at the Bering Sea, had been ordered to proceed to China, the first two with all possible despatch, before the *City of Peking* left California. The *Melville* is also under orders to strengthen "Uncle Sam's" naval forces in Chinese waters.

IN VIRTUE of a warrant, the servant's quarters at the Hongkong Bank were searched for contraband opium by Inspector Stanton last evening. A quantity of the drug was found secreted in the legs of a stool. A shroff named Ng Kal Tong and a coolie, were held responsible for it and were fined \$10 each by the Magistrate this morning.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock:—

March....."Let the hills resound."...Pipers.
Lancaster....."Her Majesty's".....Saxophone.
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AN Italian named Cornelius Sullivan, a gunner in the R. A., was fined \$2 for assaulting a coolie on this morning notwithstanding the fact that he made a gallant defense. Had the services of an enterprize been engaged, there is little doubt but that "Con" would have proved the coolie the assaulter and he the victim, and at the same time that black was white, and had it not been for the coolies face, red no color at all.

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LADY snake-charmers are getting scarce, and the wages paid them by American museums, managers have risen to \$10 a week. The ladies who can charm that poison-snakes sometimes known as man, are still plentiful as ever.

THE mails ex-*Empress of Japan* from Hongkong 11th, Shanghai 14th, Kobe 17th, and Yokohama 19th August, were delivered in London yesterday morning the 9th inst., their times being from—Hongkong 29 days, Shanghai 26 days, Kobe 23 days, Yokohama 21st, thus beating all previous records by several days, except in the case of the Hongkong mail, which was very nearly up to the best time yet made with Suic. The *Empress of Japan* was somewhat delayed at Kobe by the typhoon, which drove the *Helen Rickmers* ashore.

WHEN Sir Patrick Grant was presented to the German Emperor at the Marlborough House garden party (says the *Sunday Sun*), his Imperial Majesty gazed at the veteran field-marshall with a curious expression about his mouth, which seemed to suggest that he was moved by some strong emotion. The pause was only momentary, and it was quickly followed by the explanation, "You are just like my grandpa," from the young Sovereign; but the incident did not escape the notice of the bystanders. This resemblance of Sir Patrick Grant to the old German Emperor has often been commented on in Court circles, and it is really very striking. His Imperial Majesty adverted to the circumstance again when he met Sir Patrick at the Duke of Cambridge's dinner party.

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CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

A meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held at the offices of the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) at 4 p.m. this afternoon. There were present—Messrs. B. Lutton (Chairman), A. P. Stokes, T. E. Davies, H. L. Dalrymple, E. W. Wheeler, A. G. Wood, A. G. Stokes, I. S. Perry, J. B. Gomes, Ho Afuk and Leslie Hallward (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—“Gentlemen, when we last met on the 12th August I informed you that resolutions had been entered into between your Directors and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., for the disposal of the Company's business, and the meeting was adjourned to allow of further time for the consideration of the terms proposed for the reconstruction of the company. I will lay these before you and I hope you will approve of them. The principle on which the transfer is arranged is that the shareholders in this company should become shareholders in the new company, and that in exchange for each share on which \$5 has been paid they should receive one in a new company for \$10 of which \$5 shall be considered paid up, leaving a liability of \$5 per share. Holders of fully paid up shares of \$100 each to receive at the rate of 2 and 1/2d of the fully paid-up share of \$20, this being the proportion to which they are entitled. The new company will consist of 10,000 shares of \$20 each, of which 1,343 shares, \$20 will be considered fully paid up, these being distributed among holders of fully paid shares of the old company as already mentioned; \$145 at \$10 of which \$5 will be considered to have been paid up, leaving a liability of \$5 a share to be called up at a future period; 312 of \$20 each, which will be issued hereafter by the new company. I will now read the draft agreement which is proposed to be adopted by the two companies. This is only a draft, but the principle will not be departed from although there may be some modification in details.

A copy of the draft agreement, a very lengthy document, was then read to the shareholders present, and the chairman explained they any one interested in the Company could see it upon application to the Secretary (Mr. Leslie Hallward).

The Chairman continued.—Having read this agreement I do not think I need say anything further, for you are all aware from the proceedings of the former meeting of the position of the Company. We are all agreed I think that the present cause is the best, if indeed it be not the only one to be adopted by this Company. Before putting the resolutions I shall be glad to hear any remarks that any of shareholders present have to make.

No questions were asked, and the two resolutions before the meeting were carried *unanimously*. Upon the Chairman notifying that a confirmation meeting of shareholders would be held on the 24th inst., the proceedings terminated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE TRANSIT-PASS DIFFICULTY IN CANTON.

To the Editor of the “Hongkong Telegraph.” Sir—I see from recent papers that the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in reference to treaty rights and transit passes. Would it not be well for the various Chambers in South China to do likewise?

From the beginning of this year, thanks to a well-known pioneer, some kerosene oil and cotton yarn have been sent up, but the business is very much hampered through the Imperial Maritime Customs not having transit pass forms! This is hardly to be credited, but it is so, nevertheless. The forms are issued by the Chinese Superintendent of Customs who has his own ends to serve in delaying matters, and the “foreign” Customs here do nothing, but send in weak reminders occasionally. The consequence is that about 20 boats are in the river, some having been delayed for over a week, with full cargoes of oil, incurring heavy expenses, and all because a public office has not the necessary forms! I venture to think that only in China could such a state of things exist.

Perhaps this may interest the Blackburn Chamber, and I understand that the matter is to be brought to the notice of the Foreign Office through a member of Parliament, so it is to be hoped that the present deadlock will not long exist.

Your faithfully,

SHAMEEN.

Canton, 9th September, 1891.

MR. FRASER-SMITH AND THE STEWARDS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

We have been requested to publish the subjoined correspondence, referring to the extraordinary meeting of the Jockey Club to be held in the City Hall tomorrow afternoon—

Hongkong, 5th September, 1891.
T. F. Hough, Esq., Clerk of the Course, Hongkong Jockey Club.

Sir.—With reference to your circular letter received the other day concerning an extraordinary meeting of the members of the Jockey Club to decide whether or not I shall be expelled from the Club under Rule 40, I beg to request that, for the purposes of the inquiry to be made at the said meeting, I may be supplied without delay with list of the members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and a verbatim report of the proceedings at the meeting held in the City Hall on the 27th of January last, when Rule 40 is stated to have been adopted. A short-hand report of the proceedings was taken on behalf of the Club, and, of course, if necessary, I shall be glad to pay the cost of copying the same.

I am, Sir,

Hongkong, 9th September, 1891.

T. F. Hough, Esq., Clerk of the Course, Hongkong Jockey Club.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., enclosing a list of members of the Jockey Club, corrected to date, as requested by me in my letter of that date.

You inform me, by direction of the Stewards, that the Stewards decline to furnish me with the report of the proceedings at the meeting of the Club held on the 27th January last; and in reply to my explanation that I required this report for the purposes of the inquiry to be made at the extraordinary meeting of members convened for the 12th inst., you add:—“The Stewards do not know of any inquiry that can be held at that meeting for which that report would be of any value.”

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It is not my intention to question the propriety of the so-called Rule 40, but I certainly intend to argue that the said Rule has never been legally passed and consequently is not a valid rule of the Club. The grounds on which I shall make this objection was fully explained by me to the Stewards at the informal meeting held in the Hongkong Hotel on June 6th, and they will find a reference to the same subject in my letter to the Hon. P. Ryrie, dated Port Darwin, 26th June. It was for the purpose of proving this informality that I courteously requested, what I had a right to demand, that I should be supplied with a transcript of the short-hand writer's report of the proceedings at the meeting of January 27th, and I shall hold the Stewards responsible for their unwarranted refusal of evidence which may be of vital importance to me in my defense.

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LEXINGTON (Ky.), August 7th.

In the chess tournament Shewan defeated Pollock playing off a tie, thus winning the championship of the United States Chess Association for the third time in succession.

VIENNA, August 7th.

The famous Tokay vineyards have been almost destroyed by the phylloxera.

MADRID, August 7th.

To-day an arrest was made in Barcelona, the scene of the recent uprising, of a well-known and heavy operator in Government securities, on the charge of being a party to the conspiracy to overthrow the Government and cause a depression in the market.

ROME, August 7th.

In obediance to orders from the Tsing Yamen, the Hienas have been taking a census of all the foreigners within their respective districts. Ch'ung Mu, the Shan-yuen Hien, called in person yesterday at each mission house to make the acquaintance of the missionaries and verify the returns made to his office. It is very gratifying to know that he has returned to his post after a long absence. He went into retirement more than two years ago, for a period of mourning, I believe. The vigilance of the authorities here is shown by the order forbidding the Tuan Festival this year. The great throngs which usually visit the famous shrine on Tsing-hang-shan during this month, have not been permitted to assemble this year. The past week has therefore been much more quiet than was anticipated, though the daily increasing number of students who have come up for the examinations, gives the streets, an unusually lively appearance.

The shops destroyed by last Monday's fire are being rapidly rebuilt. The real number of buildings destroyed was fifty, but the families and households number many more. The loss, as estimated by the neighbours, varies all the way from two hundred thousand to eight million dollars. This illustrates the unreliability of Chinese estimates. As an extra stock of goods had been purchased for the examination season, it is possible that two hundred thousand dollars may be a very fair estimate. The five originated in an opium den. It is unfortunate that the Chinese have no system of fire insurance.

Liu Taitai, lately of the Foreign Office, has been appointed, it is said, to the post of Li-kien Tsang-pai for the province of Anhui. This is an unusual appointment, as he is an expectant Taotai of Kiangsu. The information sent by your Chinese correspondent touching this official, is doubtless correct in the main. Upon further inquiry here I have been told that the real cause of the quarrel with the Fanti was that he coveted the perquisites of one of the Taotai's most lucrative offices, from which the latter was therefore removed. This led to some very plain speaking on the part of the aggrieved mandarin in the presence of the Viceroy, who was so shocked by the breach of etiquette that he proceeded to deprive him of the rest of his offices.—*N. C. Daily News.*

London, August 7th.

Notwithstanding the reports that the injury sustained by Emperor William when fell upon the deck of the imperial yacht was slight, it has been decided that he will remain at Kiel, where he arrived from his trip to Norway, for two weeks, so that his injury may be attended to.

The tremendous rush to the gold fields in Manchuria has swamped the local steamship companies. They have neither food nor accommodation for the gold hunters. A recent report says large quantities of gold are found.

It is stated that the Foreign Office approves and the Baring guarantors are agreeable to a plan for collecting a portion of the Argentine customs in Europe by consuls to provide for the interest on Argentine loans.

In the Commons yesterday notice was given that at the next session a resolution would be introduced in favor of the conclusion of a treaty between England and the United States, by which the two nations will agree to submit all differences to arbitration.

VIENNA, August 6th.

Severe storms are spoiling the crops in many districts of Austria and Hungary. Several persons have been killed by falling trees and houses.

PARIS, August 6th.

Telegrams received here from Sois, the capital of Bulgaria, bring rumors of active preparations for war being made by the military authorities of that country. The rumors are not confirmed, however.

DUBLIN, August 6th.

The Belfast *Morning News*, which hitherto has supported Parnell, to-day declares that public opinion is settling in the direction of the policy of Dillon and O'Brien.

ROME, August 6th.

The Commission appointed by the Pope to investigate the recent losses to the St. Peter's Pence fund has already found a deficiency which is said to amount to 30,000,000 lire (\$6,000,000). The Commission has not yet concluded its investigations.

August 6th.

At a council of Ministers the other day each Minister presented his budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the years 1891-92 and 1892-93, and, in accordance with the programme of the Ministry sufficient economies were introduced in the various departments to reduce the expenditures for the two years to the amount of estimated receipts. There is no truth in the persistent reports spread by the bears that the Italian Government will be unable to pay the January interest on its bonds abroad. The Treasury has offered to accept as cash January coupons in payment of certain dues.

ST. LOUIS, August 6th.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says: The *Diario de Centro America*, printed in Guatemala, claims that the family of the unfortunate General Barnunda, who was killed aboard a Pacific Mail steamer in the port of San Jose de Guatemala by soldiers, has won the case against the United States and will be paid \$80,000 indemnification.

AMSTERDAM, August 6th.

A new Cabinet has been formed with Thiemann as Premier and Minister of the Interior; Van der Meulen, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Smidt, Minister of Justice; Cremer, Minister of Colonies, and Pierson, Minister of Finance.

COWES, August 6th.

Light breezes prevailed again at Cowes-to-day, and the *Valkyrie* and *Ivernia* made another

very interesting display of light-wind sailing. The match was for the Town Cup, and several other forty-raters were also entered, but there was never a chance that either would have her time taken. The *Valkyrie* completely turned the tables on the *Ivernia* to-day and led her all through. The *Valkyrie* won in a very meritorious manner, and it is certain that she is sailing ten minutes faster than she was last year over the fifty-mile course. Lord Dunraven has, however, made up his mind not to fit her out next year unless something is built about her size to sail against her, or unless challenging for the America's cup is made possible.

OTTAWA, August 6th.

In the investigation before the Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day, the Hon. Thomas McGreevy testified that of the money given him for political purposes he had paid out \$25,000 for the purchase of *La Monde*, a newspaper published at Montreal and Sir Hector Langton's organ. This was in 1884. He paid that amount at the request of Vanasse and Lassell Hallward (Secretary).

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As a result of the recent inquiries made by the Government into the delinquencies of certain army officers who revealed to foreign gunners and others the secret of the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, the explosive adopted by the Government and other secrets of the French War Department, M. de Freycinet, Minister of War, has decided to cashier all officers of the French army who act as agents for firms manufacturing war materials.

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